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Country of Origin Labeling
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
Attn: William T. Sessions, Associate Deputy Administrator
Stop 0249 Rom 2092-S
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250-0249

Dear Mr. Sessions:

We are and have been for many years, producers of pecans in Peach County, Macon County, Twiggs County and Taylor County, Georgia. We support the Country of Origin Labeling bill with an exception. We are concerned that as it is written, it does not cover pecans. As pecan producers, We would encourage the USDA to take appropriate steps to do what is necessary to have pecans included in the Country of Origin Labeling. Pecans are being imported into the USA from other countries and it would be beneficial for consumers to know the origin of the pecans they are buying.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this request as we feel pecans were unfairly eliminated from the Country of Labeling Bill.

Sincerely,



Frank H. Hiley, III



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